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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Appl. No. : 10/043,676 Confirmation No. : 2538**  
**Applicants : Vagim, et al.**  
**Filed : January 9, 2002**  
**Art Unit : 3624**  
**Examiner : Vincent A. Millin (formerly Sandra Snapp, Art Unit 2164)**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: